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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, Mahesh Jayachandra, citizen and resident of India, declare:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in United States Patent Application No. 10/038,529, filed January 3, 2002, and entitled "USER-FRIENDLY BRAHMI-DERIVED HINDI KEYBOARD."
2. I understand that U.S. Patent No. 6,934,564 ("the Laukkanen patent") has been asserted as a reference against the subject matter claimed in the present application.
3. The Laukkanen patent has a filing date of December 20, 2001 and a first publication date of June 26, 2003.
4. The Laukkanen patent was filed two weeks prior to the filing date of the present application, and therefore less than 1 year prior to the filing date of the present application. The Laukkanen patent was not published prior to the filing date of the present application.
5. I conceived of the invention claimed in the present application in India prior to the filing date of the Laukkanen patent. India is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
6. Evidence of conception is provided by the attached document labeled "Exhibit A" that illustrates my invention and was created prior to December 20, 2001. Exhibit A substantially sets forth the invention as claimed in the present patent application. For example, Exhibit A shows a keyboard comprising a plurality of keys, at least some of the keys being assigned at least one Hindi script character, and at least one key being assigned a halant (e.g., labeled "Halant" in Figure 2), the key assignments being spatially grouped on the keyboard according to their phonetic characteristics, as recited in claim 1.
7. I acted with due diligence from at least prior to December 20, 2001 to the filing of the present patent application on January 3, 2002 (e.g., a period of two weeks).

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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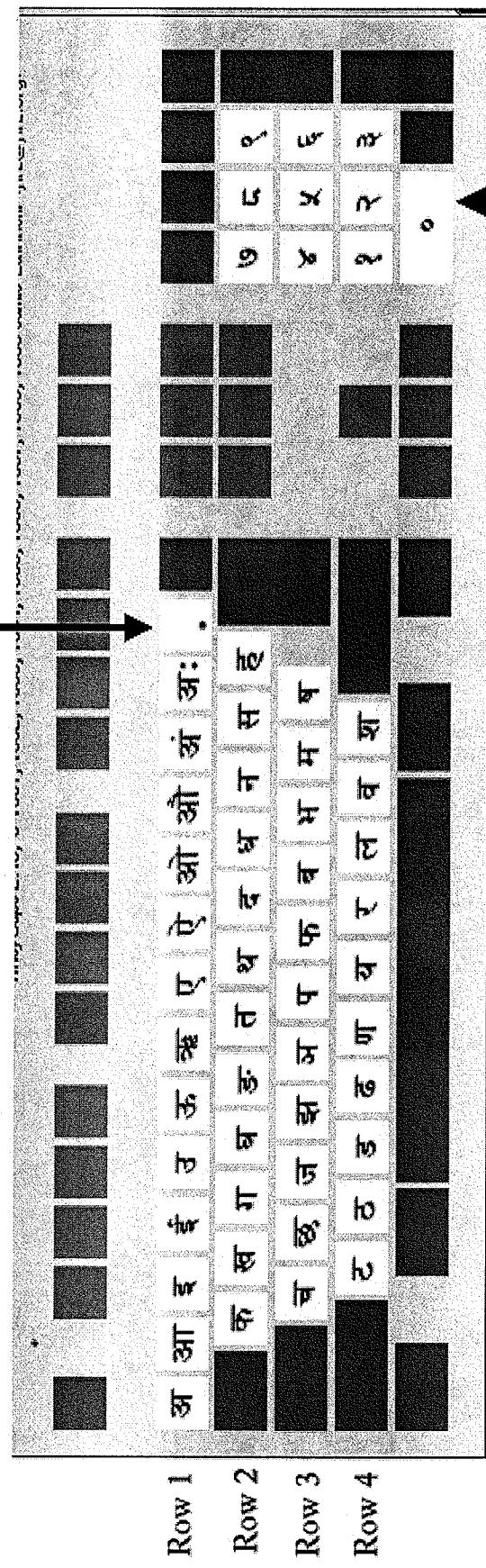
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# Figure 1: The Jambu Hindi keyboard:

FIGURE 1 – The Normal Hindi Keyboard



Row1: All the vowels  
Rows 2, 3,4: Consonants

Hindi Numerals  
mapped to the  
Number Keypad

Figure 2: The SHIFTED keyboard: Matras (vowel signs), common conjuncts and miscellaneous keys

FIGURE 2 The SHIFTED Hindi Keyboard

